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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONICALLY
COMMUNICATING WITH SUPPLIERS, SUCH AS UNDER AN
ELECTRONIC AUCTION

Docket No.: 243768037US

Sir:

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identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors to the aforesaid assignee,
a copy of the assignment being attached.

I have reviewed the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the aforesaid assignee for which I am empowered to act in this matter.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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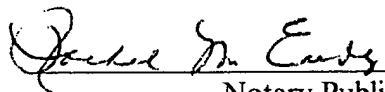
In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, **Kathryn D. Coffman of 420 Anderson Ridge Road, Greer, South Carolina 29651, Paula J. Duell of 6803 Bridgewood Drive, Austell, Georgia 30168, and Vincio B. Tiburcio of 3060 Elmendorf Lane, Kennesaw, Georgia 30144**, sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONICALLY COMMUNICATING WITH SUPPLIERS, SUCH AS UNDER AN ELECTRONIC AUCTION** invented by us, as described in the application for United States Patent filed on **January 3, 2001** as **Application No. 09/754,027**; and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said General Electric Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

28 January, 2001
Date


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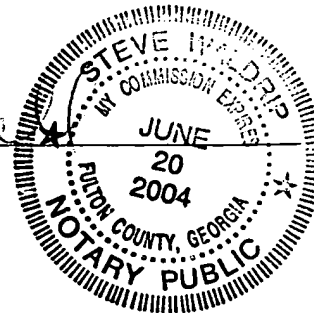
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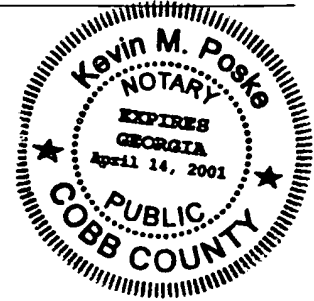
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